

City of Selah  
Council Minutes  
August 28, 2018

Regular Meeting  
Selah Council Chambers  
115 West Naches Avenue  
Selah, WA 98942

A. Call to Order Mayor Raymond called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

B. Roll Call

Members Present: Jeremie Dufault; Jacquie Matson; Rachael Glaspie; John Tierney; Diane Underwood; Russell Carlson

Members Absent: Roger Bell

Staff Present: Donald Wayman, City Administrator; Robert Noe, City Attorney; Dale Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer; Rick Hayes, Police Chief; Gary Hanna, Fire Chief; Jim Lange, Deputy Fire Chief; Joe Henne, Public Works Director; Bree Tait, Civic Center Manager; Monica Lake, Executive Assistant

C. Councilmember Absence – Motion to Excuse

**Council Member Carlson moved, and Council Member Glaspie seconded, to excuse Council Member Bell. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

D. Pledge of Allegiance

Council Member Underwood led the Pledge of Allegiance.

E. Invocation

Pastor Darin Brown gave the prayer.

F. Agenda Changes **None**

G. Public Appearances/Introductions/ Presentations

1. Selah Royalty

Ray Roff approached the podium and addressed the Council, introducing himself as the float coordinator and builder for the 2018 Community Days float.

Casey Nightingale, Selah Royalty Coordinator, introduced herself and presented the 2018 Selah Royalty Court, consisting of Miss Selah Mariaya Larimer, Princesses Montana Reese and Cecillia Campos-Sosa,

Jr. Miss Selah Mikayla Wolfram and Princess Natalie Keller, Little Miss Selah Avery Goetz and Princess Mahayla Vickers, and Mini Miss Selah Constance Marie Judy, each girl holding an award for the float.

Miss Selah indicated the awards the girls held, saying that they have gone to a lot of parades in other towns, representing Selah, as well as some fundraisers, all of these done as a full court. She added that they love their community.

Council Member Tierney asked if that was a Seafair Torchlight parade award she held.

Miss Selah replied in the affirmative, saying that they received the Innovation and Technology award because their float includes things like the moving dolphins and a lot of lights.

Council Member Glaspie complimented them on the float.

Mr. Roff responded that they took first place at the capital with this year's float.

Council Member Glaspie commented that she loves the moving dolphins.

Council Member Tierney remarked that he loved to see all the awards.

Council Member Dufault congratulated the girls and thanked them for representing Selah.

Mayor Raymond asked if the next parade was Sunfair.

Ms. Nightingale responded that Prosser is the coming weekend, followed by Naches, Sunnyside, and Issaquah. She stated that the girls are also doing volunteer work at the Tree Top Christmas party, hope to volunteer with Halloween at the Civic Center, and helped for National Night Out.

Miss Selah added that they also helped open Volunteer Park.

Mayor Raymond thanked them for the time spent representing Selah.

Council Member Glaspie inquired where the awards are displayed.

Ms. Nightingale answered that they are on display at the Civic Center.

## 2. Life Saving Award – Brook Olsen

Fire Chief Hanna approached the podium and addressed the Council. He spoke about a medical incident on July sixth his department responded to, with a citizen on scene rendering aid and CPR, and invited both women up to the podium before presenting Brook Olsen with a Life Saving Award certificate.

Laurie Patnode said that she was the person who suffered the medical event, the outcome of which could have been significantly different if Ms. Olsen, a first-grade teacher at John Campbell, hadn't done what she did. She added that Ms. Olsen's efforts saved her life, and she now has a new best friend.

### 3. Adam Smith, Selah Journal

Adam Smith approached the podium and addressed the Council. He handed out copies of the newspaper he currently publishes in the Lower Valley, saying that he is going to publish the Selah Journal in the same format, with the first edition out by Friday, September 7, as a community-based free monthly publication paid for by advertisers. He spoke briefly about his desire to be a voice for whoever wants one, for the Selah School District, the Selah Chamber Commerce, the Selah Downtown Association, and City government, and to promote community news and events.

Mayor Raymond asked how long he has been in the publishing business.

Mr. Smith responded that he took over the Review Independent last December, and prior to that worked as a journalist for many years.

Council Member Underwood inquired if the paper would be available at local stores.

Mr. Smith answered that he would start in Naches with drop off point then distribute heavily in Selah, at places like convenience stores and medical offices, and even distribute into Yakima a bit. He noted that Owens Cycle would be doing some advertising and have papers there, and that he would deliver it via mail to shut-ins or the injured.

Council Member Tierney wondered if he had a storefront in Selah.

Mr. Smith replied in the negative.

Council Member Tierney asked where his business was located.

Mr. Smith responded that it's out of his home, although he does want a façade in Selah.

Council Member Dufault expressed his appreciation of what Mr. Smith had done with the Review Independent, and that it was nice to know he would be bringing that experience to Selah.

Mr. Smith explained that his plan is for it to sustain and not be a flash in the pan, and that he has Selah High graduates and a couple high school students helping him to report on a whole array of activities.

H. Getting To Know Our Businesses **None**

I. Communications

1. Oral

Mayor Raymond opened the meeting.

Jeff Glaspie, Selah Parks Department, approached the podium and addressed the Council. He introduced himself, saying that he currently holds the lead position in the Parks Department, and that he wanted to say thank you for giving them the new sidewalk cleaner, as it will make a huge difference in winter.

Seeing no one else rise to speak, Mayor Raymond closed the meeting.

2. Written None

J. Proclamations/Announcements None

K. Consent Agenda

Executive Assistant Lake read the Consent Agenda.

All items listed with an asterisk (\*) were considered as part of the Consent Agenda.

\* 1. Approval of Minutes: July 30, 2018 Special Meeting; August 14, 2018 Council Meeting

\* 2. Approval of Claims and Payroll:

Payroll Checks Nos. 81992 – 82033 for a total of \$215,713.34

Claim Checks Nos. 71753 – 71816 for a total of \$150,668.88

\* 3. Resolution N – 1: Resolution Declaring 5 Microphones as Surplus and Authorizing Their Disposal

**Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Underwood seconded, approval of the Consent Agenda as read. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

L. Public Hearings

1. Public Hearing to consider the adoption of the “Selah Transit Development Plan” for the six-year plan 2019-2024

Public Works Director Henne addressed L – 1. He said that the last couple years they have had to do a six-year update on transit, which requires that they conduct a hearing and take testimony both for and against the plan, and that he is requesting that they do so now.

Mayor Raymond opened the public hearing. She asked Council if they had any discussion on the matter.

Council Member Carlson remarked that he was hoping Medstar would come, as they were the ones who submitted the plan update.

City Administrator Wayman responded that he felt they could answer any questions.

Public Works Director Henne expressed his confusion over whether the public hearing had been closed.

Mayor Raymond closed the public hearing.



M. General Business

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| 1. | New Business | <b>None</b> |
| 2. | Old Business | <b>None</b> |

N. Resolutions

- \* 1. Resolution Declaring 5 Microphones as Surplus and Authorizing Their Disposal
- 2. Resolution authorizing the adoption of the “Selah Transit Development Plan” for the six-year plan 2019-2024

Council Member Carlson said that, when they first created this, they had talked about creating direct routes. He wondered if that had come up again and what the plan was for trips to specific locations on a daily or weekly basis.

Public Works Director Henne responded that Transit is currently operating in six locations and listed them for Council.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that he thought the Council Member was asking about specific excursions, as they had discussed them early on. He went on to say that they didn’t want to jump into that activity without more than three months of effect on the budget, adding that they are still doing adjustments with Dial A Ride, as it had jumped up over twenty-five percent with the exact same service and riders. He felt that they would start to see consistent numbers after September to make long-term predictions with, and that in a year’s time they should be seeing whether they can go forward with excursions at a nominal charge.

Council Member Carlson replied that he didn’t recall talking about a charge for them. He added that one would expect ridership to go up when you make it free, and he was hopeful they had planned for that.

Public Works Director Henne stated that the current routes are governed by authorization from the City of Yakima along with the three sites they secured in Union Gap.

Council Member Carlson commented that the sites in Union Gap are stops, not places they park at.

Public Works Director Henne said that the City sent them a letter regarding the stops.

City Administrator Wayman noted that they were very cooperative.

Council Member Carlson wondered about them driving people to Wal-Mart and dropping them off.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they aren’t required to coordinate for special trips, although Yakima does require coordination regarding use of bus stops. He added that they would likely supply the information on special trips as a courtesy.

Council Member Carlson expressed confusion over the elimination of Sunday service for Dial A Ride.

City Administrator Wayman explained that it was an attempt to balance out the Dial A Ride budget, as activity for the service went up with the same clients using the service more frequently, and that as they do not provide regular service on Sunday the City isn't obligated to provide Dial A Ride on Sunday. He went on to say that this is an attempt to balance the budget and reduce expenditures on Dial A Ride to get it back to the expected budget while balancing out the increase in demand. He said that the other choice would be to begin charging a dollar for regular and two dollars for Dial A Ride, but after reviewing it didn't seem a viable option to begin charging due to a client list bumping up costs for everyone.

Council Member Carlson responded that he has big concerns about that, as he has assisted someone coming to church on Sundays whose only transit is Dial A Ride. He pointed out that when they talked about new transit earlier in the year they were told about the savings that would be made and they've gone from that to cutting services.

City Administrator Wayman commented that it costs the City twenty dollars for the first two hundred trips each month each time someone steps on Dial A Ride, and it drops to thirteen-fifty after that.

Public Works Director Henne noted that it's up to two hundred, then up to three hundred, then over three hundred it drops again.

City Administrator Wayman opined that the impact of Dial A Ride is outsized compared to the scheduled services and that it would be less overall impact if they eliminated one day a week from service rather than charging everyone a fee to use either service.

Council Member Carlson said that his point was that they created a free service and should have anticipated an increase in use, as cutting services to balance the budget now doesn't make sense to him.

Council Member Tierney disputed the inability of someone to get to church on Sunday without using that service, as he said that members of his church bring shut ins to services each week.

Council Member Carlson responded that they wouldn't have the room for a stretch wheelchair.

Council Member Tierney remarked that most churches are compassionate enough to make an effort for disabled or shut ins who want to come to church.

Council Member Carlson pointed out that the person he was discussing is bedridden, and the only way someone can get him is if they have a handicapped vehicle large enough for his stretch wheelchair.

Council Member Dufault inquired if it was permissible under Title VI to cap the number of free rides.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they cannot, they have to provide service when it's available and they can't impose an artificial limit. He added that they have one couple who take almost a hundred

trips in a month, which is very expensive, but there is nothing they can do short of disqualifying their medical qualification, which is solid, so they have to transport them whenever they ask for it.

Council Member Dufault wondered if they could say that every citizen gets twenty free rides a month.

City Administrator Wayman answered that they get as many free rides as they need if the service is available.

Council Member Dufault asked if they would have to pay for it after that point in time.

City Administrator Wayman responded in the negative

Public Works Director Henne explained that they could charge two times the fixed rate, which currently is zero, and therefore they can't charge for Dial A Ride either.

Council Member Dufault asked if there was a way for everyone to get a pass for twenty rides and then pay two dollars for each thereafter.

City Administrator Wayman answered in the negative.

Council Member Matson inquired if they had information on how many Dial-A-Rides each day, per person.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they have it by patient, but he cannot present that information because of medical reasons.

Council Member Matson asked if they knew there were twenty on Saturday and forty on Sunday.

City Administrator Wayman replied that they know per person, per week but he wouldn't feel comfortable giving them that information.

Public Works Director Henne referred Council to page seven of the report, saying that the graph there shows what those numbers were.

Council Member Glaspie commented that Council Member Glaspie was asking for a per day average.

Public Works Director Henne said that one could take that number, which looked to be five hundred, and divide it by thirty.

Council Member Glaspie responded that her main concern is the difference between riders on Saturday versus Sunday, whether Sunday is higher or lower, because cutting Sunday if there are forty riders would be a huge impact.

City Administrator Wayman commented that the heaviest usage is Monday through Friday.

Council Member Matson said that she shared Council Member Glaspie's concern.

Council Member Carlson observed that his biggest concern is that they created a service that was to save them money and promised the citizens free transit and are now learning that it's expensive.

City Administrator Wayman disagreed, saying that nothing has changed with regard to the client list, but the number of trips has increased because it's free. He didn't feel it reasonable to anticipate individuals going from twenty trips to a hundred trips per month.

Council Member Carlson felt it was reasonable to see an increase, and that they had the responsibility to at least guess what it might be. He went on to say that they promised the community a free service, and this was about the City saving money while serving their clientele in a better way.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that they could go back to charging a dollar per trip and solve this across the board, and that staff is looking at still providing free service but controlling it by eliminating some services. He pointed out that if Council wishes to go another direction in order to deal with the excessive demand they could do that. He noted that they are still saving money, but this would significantly impact Dial A Ride usage.

Council Member Carlson felt the increased usage was to be expected.

City Administrator Wayman opined that if they cut Sunday service the costs would be right where they predicted.

Council Member Glaspie asked what the average ride was on Sunday.

City Administrator Wayman responded that he didn't have information on the average number of riders and trips on a Sunday, adding that he could break it down by the week.

Council Member Carlson wondered how much they expected to save by cutting Sundays.

Public Works Director Henne answered that it would be seventeen to twenty-two thousand per year.

Council Member Carlson observed that was almost two thousand per month.

Council Member Matson remarked that it equaled a hundred rides on Sunday.

Council Member Carlson commented that it was a big deal even if it was only fifty.

Council Member Glaspie agreed with him.

Council Member Underwood couldn't believe Union Gap and MedStar weren't aware of this issue.

Council Member Carlson felt that there are trends and data to show this trend.

City Administrator Wayman responded that he was assuming something is there that is not.

Council Member Carlson inquired as to the length of time MedStar has operated in Union Gap.

Public Works Director Henne answered two years.

Council Member Carlson responded that there should be two years of data available.

City Administrator Wayman commented that their situation and budget requirements are different.

Council Member Carlson said that he's not a fan of eliminating a service for something that appears to be a significant elimination for the people who use service on Sunday, reiterating his concern about offering a free service to begin with and now talking about eliminating Sundays.

Council Member Dufault wondered if they made a commitment that service would be free and always available, feeling it would be better to have it free and just limit the service slightly

Council Member Carlson inquired about going to half days on Sunday with a focus on churches.

Council Member Glaspie asked the City Administrator if he thought charging a dollar per ride would impact the ridership more or offsetting the costs.

City Administrator Wayman responded that he felt it would impact both but the ridership more than anything.

Council Member Glaspie remarked that they can make that assumption but not one by making it free.

City Administrator Wayman pointed out that two dollars is a nominal fee, but it makes a difference.

Council Member Glaspie disagreed, feeling that it would not be for those who use the free service for a hundred rides a month.

Council Member Carlson remarked that they have excluded those who have certain needs from tax increases before, wondering why they would now in essence tax those who need the service.

City Administrator Wayman said that they have three choices; to spend more and continue as they have been, eliminate Sunday service, or begin to charge all riders a fee.

Council Member Carlson inquired if they were saving money currently.

City Administrator Wayman replied that they are, over and above what the Yakima service had cost.

Council Member Tierney suggested suspending Sunday service but still offering Sunday Dial A Ride.

Public Works Director Henne responded that there is only Dial A Ride on Sundays.

City Administrator Wayman said that they can and will explore special trips and excursions on Sundays with a nominal charge, adding that they have only had two billing cycles but are trying to stay within the budget. He added that if Council is okay with the expenditure then he's fine with that.

Council Member Carlson opined that the whole reason for doing this was to save more compared to what they had been spending with their previous transit service.

Council Member Tierney disagreed, saying that wasn't the only reason they did it.

Council Member Carlson reiterated that they offered a free service.

Council Member Glaspie commented that they are projecting ridership to go up year after year, and in the end, they are looking at it being more and more expensive. She wondered if they had taken that into consideration as well.

Council Member Carlson felt that if a hundred people are using the Sunday service there is obviously a need for the service.

**Council Member Carlson moved, and Council Member Matson seconded, to suspend this to the next meeting so they can find out more information about ridership on Sundays, and so that they can analyze the costs associated with continuing to offer that service on Sundays.**

Mayor Raymond wondered if they could do a special trip on Sunday and have those riders pay for it that one day a week.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they could do special trips on Sundays.

Mayor Raymond asked for confirmation that they could have them pay for that and eliminate the problem they have.

City Administrator Wayman replied that the special trips would have to be focused on specific locations, two or three non-scheduled locations but not a bus stop.

Council Member Underwood remarked that she would like to see them go three more months and see what happens, as people tend to do more at first then settle in and slow down. She thought it was kind of soon to decide, especially for people who depend on something like this who have special needs.

Council Member Glaspie noted that they could see an increase in ridership during the winter months.

Council Member Tierney observed that it could also be the opposite.

Council Member Dufault wondered how much of an impact this has on the transportation plan itself.

City Administrator Wayman answered that they could adjust that, as it's an overall plan they can change over time to relax it up or explore special excursions. He reiterated that staff recommends that they curtail Sunday services until they get a better understanding of where they are moneywise.

Council Member Tierney asked to make a motion.

Council Member Carlson reminded him that there had been a motion made by him, seconded by Council Member Matson. He called for the question.

Council Member Tierney pointed out that the ridership has nothing to do with adopting the transportation plan, and that they could ask staff to come back to the next meeting with additional information.

Council Member Carlson remarked that the packet he has refers to canceling service on Sundays.

Council Member Tierney agreed with that but added that they could come back at the next meeting with the information they want. He observed that it's just a plan.

Council Member Carlson stated that he would hold to his motion.

Council Member Dufault inquired as to where it discussed Sunday services.

Council Member Carlson replied that it was on page four, section seven, item six, reading aloud the pertinent lines from the plan.

City Administrator Wayman said that he did a little quick math and they are looking at approximately twenty riders per Sunday, with four Sundays in a month on average.

Council Member Carlson called for the question.

**Roll was called: Council Member Dufault – no; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Tierney – no; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. Motion passed with four yes votes and two no votes.**

City Administrator Wayman asked for clarification on what answers Council would like from staff.

Council Member Matson replied that she would like to see ridership per day, commenting that based on his estimate of twenty riders each Sunday they are looking at about nineteen thousand dollars annually.

Council Member Carlson added that for him it was what they were paying before versus what they're paying now.

City Administrator Wayman asked if they were specifically looking at Sundays.

Council Member Carlson said that for him it's how much are they saving versus what they were doing, and why would they eliminate this service if they are still saving money.

Council Member Glaspie expressed her concern that they are concerned about the budget after being told initially that this would save them a lot of money.

City Administrator Wayman responded that the effect of increased demand for Dial A Ride, with the same number of clients, was dramatic and not anticipated.

Council Member Glaspie expressed surprise that increased ridership wasn't a conversation they had with MedStar.

City Administrator Wayman responded that they have a limited client list of about forty-five people.

Mayor Raymond commented that it isn't that they have new riders, just individuals riding more than once a day.

Council Member Carlson opined that maybe they need that, maybe that's great for them.

3. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a WSDOT Local Agency Architect & Engineering (A & E) Professional Services Cost Plus Fixed Fee Consultant Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc. for the construction engineering & inspection of the Civic Center Park and Ride Lot Improvements CM-1155(007)

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 3, reading aloud the title of the Resolution.

Council Member Glaspie asked if this was the one that came in fifty thousand over the estimate.

Public Works Director Henne responded in the negative, saying that this is the contract for consulting services for construction of the property.

Council Member Dufault expressed his appreciation of the contract, saying that he was deeply pleased at how helpful it was breaking out the ICRs and understanding what goes into the twenty-eight thousand, five hundred.

Public Works Director Henne replied that this was standard WSDOT language that they were required to use, then listed the services to be provided for the twenty-eight thousand dollar fee.

Council Member Tierney inquired if they were paving just the gravel portion or the whole thing.

Public Works Director Henne answered that it's just the gravel portion, as this is a CMAQ project and what they applied for was to reduce the impact of the gravel area. He added that the funds do not permit them to do the rest with those funds.

**Council Member Tierney moved, and Council Member Dufault seconded, to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Sign a WSDOT Local Agency Architect & Engineering (A & E) Professional Services Cost Plus Fixed Fee Consultant Agreement with HLA Engineering and Land Surveying Inc. for the construction engineering & inspection of the Civic Center Park and Ride Lot Improvements CM-1155(007). Roll was called: Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council**



**Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

4. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Pacific Power Street Light Agreement to convert various streetlights in the City of Selah to energy efficient LED lights
5. Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Relight Washington Grant Agreement to convert various streetlights in the City of Selah to energy efficient LED lights

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 4 and N – 5. He reminded Council that he brought an incentive offer from Pacific Power to the last meeting, based on changing out two hundred eighty-six lights to LED, and said that these are the contracts for that project. He briefly explained both the contract with Pacific Power and the TIB agreement, requesting approval of both.

**Council Member Dufault moved, and Council Member Glaspie seconded, to approve the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Pacific Power Street Light Agreement to convert various streetlights in the City of Selah to energy efficient LED lights and the Resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign a Washington State Transportation Improvement Board (TIB) Relight Washington Grant Agreement to convert various streetlights in the City of Selah to energy efficient LED lights. Roll was called: Council Member Dufault – yes; Council Member Matson – yes; Council Member Glaspie – yes; Council Member Tierney – yes; Council Member Underwood – yes; Council Member Carlson – yes. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

Council Member Tierney inquired as to the location of the lights.

Public Works Director Henne answered that they are the remainder that weren't replaced two years ago.

Council Member Underwood asked if they would be replacing those on West Home Avenue.

Public Works Director Henne replied that the intent is to do them all.

6. Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Award a Construction Contract between the City of Selah and Columbia Asphalt & Ready-Mix of Yakima, Washington for the Civic Center Park and Ride lot improvements CM-1155(007)

Public Works Director Henne addressed N – 6. He said that they did a bid opening last week, finding that the lowest bid was approximately fifty thousand dollars more than the engineer's estimate. He went on to say that they are obligated to award the contract at the full amount, but he has spoken with a representative from the company about eliminating the list of items on the back of the document, and they are okay with that. He added that the City is already on the hook for the match and would end up paying an additional thirty thousand eighty-four dollars out of transit funds to add on top of that.

Council Member Matson asked why he had four oh one, one seventy listed as the amount when the memorandum has as a fiscal impact of three fifty, four sixty-eight.



## 1. Departments

Police Chief Hayes had no report.

Council Member Carlson spoke briefly about an incident with one of his neighbors calling the police about a vehicle parked in their driveway with someone wandering through their backyard, with police responding within four minutes and apprehending both people within two hours of the call. He added that the neighbor appreciated Officer Gause returning to provide them with an update, which made a huge difference to them and made them feel much safer.

Police Chief Hayes responded that he would will let him know that.

Community Development Supervisor Peters said that the Planning Commission approved a short plat for Dick Graf for the property formerly owned by the City on Crusher Canyon Road. He noted that he would be talking to them next week at the retreat.

Civic Center Manager Tait had no report but added that she would do her best to provide parking for larger events while the parking lot is being paved.

Mayor Raymond recommended that she just let people know the lot would be closed.

Public Works Director Henne gave a brief report on his department, which has been busy removing items from the pool that are the City's equipment and working on removal of the asphalt grindings from the Civic Center parking lot, so they can install irrigation stubs and meter boxes prior to paving.

Council Member Carlson wondered if Granite Construction was on strike.

Public Works Director Henne replied that operators statewide are on strike.

Council Member Carlson wondered how that might affect them in future.

Public Works Director Henne responded that he doesn't know if they would become a nonresponsive bidder or not.

Council Member Carlson noted that they weren't the low bidder, but he was curious.

Clerk/Treasurer Novobielski gave a quick sales tax update, referring Council to the handout he provided.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

## 2. Council Members

Council Member Dufault deferred to Council Member Carlson to provide a sign committee update. He commented on the transportation proposal, saying that, while he's sympathetic to the motion, he doesn't feel that falls within the Council's purview to set bus hours although he does feel that providing

community feedback allows the City Administrator and Public Works Director to tweak the program accordingly.

Council Member Matson commented that she didn't attend the meeting for Volunteer Park on Thursday, but they are having another meeting this Friday and would have an update next meeting.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that they would try to carve out a budget for Volunteer Park for next year.

Council Member Glaspie gave an update on SPRSA's progress with the new aquatic center construction and commended the employees at Zirkle Fruit for raising ten thousand dollars in cash to donate for operation of the new facility. She added that the Selah Park Foundation is doing capital fund fundraising for the pool, including bricks like they did for Volunteer Park.

Council Member Tierney had no report.

Council Member Underwood said that they had a successful blood drive last week, expressing her thanks to Human Resources Manager Potter for always coming down to donate blood. She remarked that the last School Board meeting was standing room only due to union negotiations, and that they were going to be treated the same as those in Yakima school districts.

Council Member Glaspie inquired about the date of the next blood drive.

Council Member Underwood replied that it should be about six weeks out.

Council Member Carlson said that the sign committee is going backwards a bit to reassess the priorities, saying that there are pros and cons for doing it the way he was thinking but in end it wasn't realistic, so they are going back to the drawing board and focusing on locations, as the rest would be simple once they have locations and a budget in place.

City Attorney Noe had no report.

3. City Administrator

City Administrator Wayman reminded Council that the retreat would be starting promptly at eighty-thirty sharp.

4. Boards **None**

5. Mayor

Mayor Raymond commented that there would be an AWC meeting in Kennewick on October 11 on legislative matters and what do look for when going to Olympia, asking Council Member Dufault if he thought that would be something good for Council Members, the Public Works Director, or City Administrator Wayman to attend.

Council Member Dufault responded that he would take a look and see if it was something he could recommend.

City Administrator Wayman remarked that one item on the retreat agenda is discussion of a political action communications plan.

**Council took a five-minute recess.**

**P. Executive Session**

**1. 30 Minute Session - Potential Litigation RCW 42.30.110 (1) (i)**

Council went back into Executive Session at 7:08pm. At 6:26pm, Council went back on the record. Mayor Raymond stated that no action was taken during the Executive Session.

City Administrator Wayman addressed the documents handed out by Mr. Worby during Council's recess with regard to the Whispering Views subdivision, saying that he's been making assertions about the stormwater plan, which was considered to be by both PLSA and the City to be substantially correct. He said that he was at an inspection on the 12th of last month with a representative from Department of Ecology and Carl Torkelson, which had been instigated by Mr. Worby, reading aloud from the report and adding that a copy would be supplied to Council Members who wish to read it. He went on to say that Mr. Worby does record requests and takes the information provided out of context or from a position of ignorance, running with the information as if it were fact and creating a thesis based on that. He commented that the gentleman was welcome to discuss it at any time with him, although he is no longer allowed to discuss the matter with City staff, and he would consider any concerns or complaints.

Council Member Dufault asked what he would like Council to do.

City Administrator Wayman replied that Mr. Worby would like to place a stop work order on the project.

Council Member Dufault inquired as to who approves that.

City Administrator Wayman responded that it was approved by the City Council and the Department of Ecology.

Council Member Underwood commented that he had been sharing picture on Facebook showing water running off the property and pictures of the Mayor and City Administrator there. She asked about the water runoff.

City Administrator Wayman answered that the fresh water that came out of a hydrant that Mr. Torkelson was using as part of his work, not from stormwater, and is not a demonstration that stormwater measures are inadequate. He noted that, when the project is complete, it will be reviewed again for compliance. He said that it frustrated him to see pictures of himself and the Mayor doing their jobs, with words put in their mouths of what they might be saying. He opined that Mr. Worby is a nuisance but they want to be very careful with him. He noted that this project was approved almost three years ago, and any attempt to do a stop work order based on what he proposed would result in trouble.

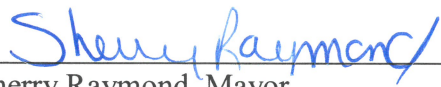
Council Member Carlson observed that photos were presented to me multiple times by different people, but if one looks at the photo with water runoff that is claimed to be going into Garner's place, you could see a sprinkler on to the left with heavier water runoff.

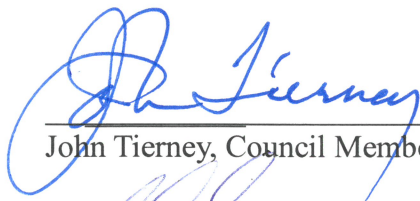
City Administrator Wayman reiterated that stormwater requirements were inspected as of July 12, and that if anyone would like a copy of the report he had that for them.

Q. Adjournment

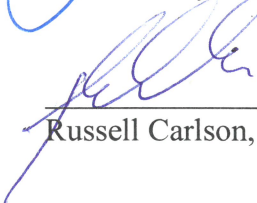
**Council Member Carlson moved, and Council Member Glaspie seconded, that the meeting be adjourned. By voice vote, approval was unanimous.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.

  
Sherry Raymond, Mayor

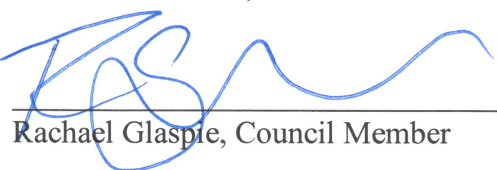
  
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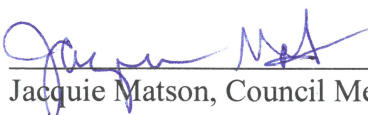
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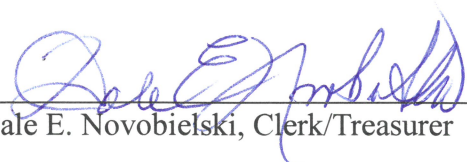
Diane Underwood, Council Member

Jeremie Dufault, Council Member

  
Rachael Glaspie, Council Member

  
Jacquie Matson, Council Member

ATTEST:

  
Dale E. Novobielski, Clerk/Treasurer